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TWO CENTS:

# **MEXICAN BANDITS** KILL FORMER U.S. **CONSUL AT AGE 88**

## Augustus Morrill Victim of Attack Near His Home at Colima.

Augustus Morrill, formerly American consul at Manzanillo, Mexico, was killed by Mexican bandits February

Mr. Morrill was eighty-eight years old and retired from the consular service in 1881.

The present consul at Manzanillo in rue present consul at Manzanilo in reporting the killing to the State Department said Morrill was attacked while on his way to the Hacienda El Baloon, three miles from Colima, where he lived, and that in a fusillade of pistol shots received two wounds. The American embassy at Mexico City has been instructed to make urgent representations to the Mexican government looking to the arrest and punishment of the murderers and the American consulate at Manzanillo has been instructed

sulate at Manzanillo has been instructed to make similar representations to the local Mexican authorities.

Mr. Morrill's widow, who is eighty years old, lives at Colima. He also is survived by several children, who live at San Francisco, Oakland and San Rafael, Calif. He was appointed vice consul of the United States at Manzanillo on January 26, 1869, and was made consul at the same place on August 5, 1872.

gust 5, 1872.

Barry Hogarty, an American citizen.
who was reported kidnaped by Mexican
bandits on February 23, returned to his
home safe and well on February 21, the State Department was advised today by the American consul at Torreon. He is superintendent of the American Metal

# **CHATTERTON ASKS DOUBLE SENTENCE**

## **Doctor Who Forged Checks** Would Serve for Girl. Given 16 Years.

Dr. George C. Chatterton, a former interne at a local hospital, was sentenced today by Justice Stafford to but tiary. Chatterton was convicted on the employe has been given a new four counts of forging checks, which title to put him in line for some position soon to be vacated through one

ington to persuade Miss Sharpe to join him in fleeing to Canada to jump their, ball bonds.

Justice Stafford declared the case one of the most contemptible that ever came under his observation. When Chatterton was called on he declared he was innocent, and that Miss Sharpe's moral character was above repreach. I ask for a double sentence," said the prisoner. "Give me reproach. "I ask for a double sentence," said the prisoner. "Give me Miss Sharpe's sentence and let her go free. I will serve both willingly."

The court told Chatterton that he would attend to the sentence of Miss Sharpe, which is expected to be imposed next Saturday. Chatterton noted an appeal.

cently pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree in connection with the death of his employer. William Mc-kee Bentzell, last October, was given mobile tires from the Goodyear Rub-ber Company, was sentenced today by Chief Justice McCoy to serve four of necessity

years and six months in the peniten-Strong influence was brought to bear to secure probation on the claim that Spitler was about to be married. George P. De West, who was con-ected with Spitler in some of the ventures, was given two years and six months in the penitentiary. Jo-meph Cooksey. another companion, considered by the court less culpable, was sent to Occoquan for one year.

## **POPULATION STATISTICS** OF THREE CITIES GIVEN

Population statistics for the cities of Lima, Ohio; Paducah, Ky., and Hazleton, Pa., were made public today by the census bureau.

The population of Lima was an-6.815, or 26.8 per cent.
The announcement today of the population of these three cities was the second issue of statistics of the fourteenth census. Washington and Cin-cinnati were the first cities to com-plete their enumeration work, and plete their enumeration work, and the figures were announced last Sat-

## AIRMEN CREATE MEMORIAL.

Dead Comrades Honored by 22d Pursuit Squadron Survivors.

ing members of the 22d Pursuit Squad-Ican Flying Club today for the dedication of a memorial to ten comrades who lost their lives during the war. The memorial, which members of the squadron say is the first to be dedicated to dead American flyers by their comrades, takes the form of a spromately furnished and set aside in the clubhouse. A bronze table bears the squadron's honor roll of dead.

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Sound and set as the squadron's honor roll of the striking union members had accomplete their comrades, takes the form of a specific table to the authorities by the striking union members had accomplete their s Similar memorials at the club are being planned by members of other

William D. Howells' 83d Birthday. SAVANNAH, Ga., February 28 .ing the winter in Savannah, will ob-perve his eighty-third birthday very quietly on Monday because of a se-vere attack of influenza which is keeping him in bed. His condition is

Two Cleveland Papers Raise Price. CLEVELAND, Ohio. February 28 .-

# SENATORS APPOINTED FOR SCHOOL INQUIRY

o investigate the public school system of the District of Columbia was appointed today by Senator Cummins of Iowa, president pro tem of the senate, in the absence of the Vice

Sherman of Illinois, chairman; Sen-ator Dillingham of Vermont and Sen-ator Capper of Kansas, republicans, and Senator Harrison of Mississippi and Senator Henderson of Nevada, emocrats.

The investigation, which will be ande under the Harrison resolution recently adopted by the Senate, is to be begun next week. It will be broad a scope, as the resolution does not limit the committee in any way in its probe of the public schools.
Senator Sherman is chairman of the
Senate District committee, and Senstors Dillingham and Capper also are nembers of the District committee.

# PLANS TO ABOLISH POSITION JUGGLING FOR HIGHER SALARY

ealed today many cases of such jug-

change of both title and salary, but These cases occur in the older de-partments and bureaus where the statutory salaries are in force, and are not found, it is said, in bureaus where

the lump sum appropriations prevail. Cases Cited as Examples. A case in which the title is changed the employe has received neither serve sixteen years in the peniten- new duties or more salary, shows that

record right "up to the minute," show many cases of this sort of position

juggling. Change Under Reclassification. But under reclassification, it is held, this sort of thing will be done away with, and in its stead will be set up the more than 1,700 classes of positions, each of which will have a definite title, duties, qualifications and salaries. Under reclassification there will be no

Kee Bentzell, last October, was given a term of twenty years in the penitentiary. Justice Stafford took the plea into consideration in imposing the minimum sentence under the law. Clair D. Spitler. a young man charged with thirteen cases of house-breaking and the larceny of auto-breaking and the larceny of auto-breaking from the Cookean Rev. If his title and salary change he will of necessity take up new duties. In fact, whenever his duties change he will go into a new class, with a salary even as

it has a new title. CONSIDER HIGH PRICES AND EXCHANGE PROBLEM

### One Section of Supreme Council Goes Over Questions-Turk Treaty Also Considered.

LONDON, February 28 .- The important discussions on high prices and exchange, begun yesterday, were continued by one section of the supreme council this morning. Among those present were Premier Lloyd George, J. Aus-The population of Lima was announced as 41,300, an increase of 10.

T98, or 35.4 per cent; Paducah, 24,735, chequer; Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of national service and reconstruction; French 1,32,267, an increase of 1,515, or 26.8 per cent. minister of finance; Premier Nitti and Signor Beneduce of Italy, Baron Mon-cheur, Belgian ambassador at London; and the financial and economic experts. The other section of the council, which is dealing with the Turkish treaty, also met. Earl Curzon, the foreign secretary Paul Cambon, representing Premier Mil-lerand of France: Philippe Berthelot, political director of the French foreign Vittorio Scialoja, Italian foreign minister; Marquis Imperiali, Italian am-bassador at London; Viscount Chinda, the Japanese ambassador, and various

### NEW YORK, February 28.—Surviv- MAY SURRENDER BY MONDAY ron. A. E. F., assembled at the Amer- Arnstein's Attorneys Confer Again Over Amount of Bail.

NEW YORK, February 28 .- Nicholas Arnstein, described by the police approximately 15,000 maintenance of as the "master mind" in an attempted way workers in the Panama Canal Monday. His atterneys say they try to get in touch with the fugitive and the striking union members had acadvise him to surrender to the court first of next week they "hope to pro-Arnstein's attorneys had a long con-

ference with Assistant District Attor-neys Dooling and Unger yesterday, at which, it was stated, the subject of bail and the surrender of their client were discussed. They were informed it was learned, that the district atorney will insist upon \$100,000 bail.

ted as considerably improved to- Steamship St. Paul Repairs Ended. NEW YORK, February 28 .- The merican line steamship St. Paul, which turned over at her pier here April 25. 1918, while in the service of the United The price of the Sunday Plain Dealer and the Sunday News-Leader will be processed for the United States as a transport, sails today

# LEGISLATION IS **URGENTLY NEEDED** BY WASHINGTON

## The committee consists of Senator Repeal of Law of 1909 and Cure for Surplus District Revenues.

BY THEODORE W. NOYES.

stitute for the Mapes bill, and printed in yesterday's Star, puts in concrete shape legislative proposals which the Board of Trade, voicing the petition of all Washington, has for several vears been urging.

The immediate legislation urgent-The immediate legislation urgently needed by Washington was disclosed in the hearings before the joint fiscal committee in 1915 and again in the recent hearings before the House District committee:

(1) The law arbitrarily limiting the Commissioners' annual estimates should be quickly repealed. It prohibits the statement by the Commissioners and the satisfaction by Conhibits the statement by the Commissioners and the satisfaction by Congress of the actual needs of the District. It prevents the nation, inevitably, from meeting fully its capital obligation. It automatically insures an unexpended surplus of District tax money. It accomplishes, as Congress Pay Reclassifiers Propose
New System for Service
and Emoluments.

Position juggling in the government service in order to give an employe a higher salary or put him in line for more pay will be done away with under reclassification, it is believed.

Semi-monthly reports from the various departments to the joint committee is to vindicate in principle the treatment of the half-and-half provision as not necessarily applying arbitrarily and separately to each year, considered alone, but to the average of a series of years. The joint committee points out that District revealed today many cases of such jug-

been in the aggregate, though not in every year viewed separately, on the gling of positions.

In some cases changes of titles were recorded, without any change either of duties or salaries of the employes concerned. In other cases there was change of both title and salary but

> Under the present practice, which puts local taxation before congressional appropriation, the half-and-half provision is not and cannot be arbitrarily enforced and literally obeyed in any one year. But in the long run, in the future as in the past, this provision can be enforced and

obeyed.

Why not go ahead in the future in with this practice, general conformity with this practice, thus vindicated in principle by the joint committee? The only legislation were passed on local merchants by reason or another, reclassifiers say.

A case in which both title and salary are changed, without any new from New York to friends in Washington to persuade Miss Sharpe to ington to persuade Miss Sharpe to this means of giving a promotion to pixture. By the first text money in the surplus of District tax money in ministration, received their pay checks miscellaneous receipts, to be merged with national money and lost to the time today, and were released from furties in flexible to Canada to jump District, but, as the joint committee's report describes it, as a freet rund for the benefit of the District of Columbia • • to be expended in the government of the District of Columbia and for no other purpose."

Time today, and were released from furline today, and were released from furling to the federal office of the Railroad Administration.

The exact number of employes discharged with the break-up of the administrative offices of the Railroad Administrative offices of the Ra bis and for no other purpose."

Repeal of the law limiting the Commissioners' estimates will permit Con-

gress to consider in appropriations
the full needs of the District, and the
surplus in any year of unexpended
District tax money will thus be reduced to a minimum. But any surduced to a minimum. But any surpluses, even though large, which under the proposed legislation will go
into the District's trust fund will
clearly be needed in the future as a
reserve fund (1) to pay District indebtedness, fictitious or genuine; in-cluding the alleged ancient resurrect-ed debts, based on the blunders or neglects of government officials in the seventies of the last century. sible emergency of a District short-age in some year in necessary tax revenue under the organic act, and (3) mmediate expenditure of more money than can be spared from current rev-

All Washington says amen to the unanimous petition of the Board of Trade in 1916, which says:

A Petition and a Protest. "We, the members of the Washing-ton Board of Trade, do carnestly peti-for tickets in Washington, it was extion Congress (1) for the repeal of the law of 1909, which restricts the Commissioners' estimates to twice the amount of the District's estimated Director General Hines will still revenues; and (2) for legislation have numerous important questions to which shall cause any surplus of Dis-deal with after he ceases to direct trict revenue arising in any year from operation of the lines. A score of trict revenue arising in any year from the enforcement of the half-and-half

www. www. against the repeal at this time of the half-and-half law, tinued until all such claims have been which the joint congressional comwhich the joint congressional com-mittee has in effect declared to be fair; and we especially protest against such repeal by rider on an appropria-tion bill; or in such form as to be retion bill; or in such form as to be re-troactive; or by any method which does not secure for the proposed leg-islation thorough preliminary consid-eration by the District committees, and by Congress, and which does not substitute for the repealed law one establishing a definite policy of regu-lar and liberal appropriations by Congress for capital maintenance and de-

## STRIKE BELIEVED AT END.

15.000 Workers of Canal Zone Resume Work Pending Mediation. PANAMA, February 28 .- Indications early today were that the strike of the striking union members had accepted his offer to act as mediator between the men and Gov. Harding of the Canal Zone and the War Department in Washington and that the men meantime had agreed to return to work at noon today. The great majority of the strikers West Indians, largely from Brit

## RENT WAR ON IN CHICAGO. Tenants Strike Against Raise and

Retain Attorney. CHICAGO, February 28 .- Fifty mem bers of the Lake View Property Owners and Improvement Association



# RAIL OFFICE FORCE GETS U. S. CHECKS FOR THE LAST TIME

## Scores Released on Eve of **Propective Return**

of Roads.

President Wilson had the railrond bill before him today and was expected to sign it during the afternoon. The measure was returned to the White House last night by Director General Hines, to whom it had been referred yesterday for an opinion.

Scores of employes of the central

ministration was not made known today. The number will be made public in a statement late this afternoon
by Director General Hines.

It is estimated at less than 100 per
Each Place to Watch

sons, as many of the employes of the Railroad Administration will be transferred to the division of liquidation claims, which will be established Monday morning, in the Hurley-Wright building, at 18th and Pennsylvania avenue, across the street from the present quarters of the Railroad Administration in the Interstate Commerce building. Will Move Tomorrow.

Tomorrow will be moving day and it is expected that all the office furwhich have been conjured up in the nture, files and necessary office House; (2) to be accumulated and equipment will have been set down later wisely utilized to meet the pos- in the proper place in the Hurleyin the proper place in the Hurley-Wright building by tomorrow night. Railroad Administration are to meet the District's share of the cost of great permanent public imcost of great permanent public im-provements which will call for the of the administration and divisional federal managers are preparing for the physical turning over of the roads to their former owners shortly after midnight tomorrow.

While no announcement was had up to a late hour this afternoon concerning retention of the consolidated ticket office at 13th and F streets as a central downtown purchasing office pected the general agents of all roads would combine in issuing an order for continuance of the ticket office. labor organizations still have law to be held in the Treasury as a trust fund for the benefit of the District to meet its needs in some future year.

"We protest against the repeal at son, the wage boards will be con-

Divisions of law, accounting and the immediate staff of the director gen-eral will remain. G. H. Parker, who has served through the administration of Mr. Hines as financial assistant to the director general, will become controller of the contracted organization

# POLICE COURT OPENS

## **GENERAL STRIKE** NOT A CANDIDATE, WRITES MR. BRYAN Says He-Does Not Foresee

## Any Condition Requiring It to Be Considered.

WASHINGTON, N. C., February 28 (by the Associated Press).-"I am not a candidate, do not desire the nomination and do not foresee any condition that will make it necessary for me to consider the question," is the state ment of William J. Bryan regarding the democratic nomination for the presidency, contained in a letter from Miami, Fla. , to the Washington Daily News and published here today.

## Each Place to Watch Over Children.

The twenty-three playgrounds of

the city will open Monday, Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, supervisor of the playground department, announced today. There will be a director on each ground to watch over the children, but the department will be unable to furnish assistant directors until the end of the fiscal year. Mrs. Rhodes While the central offices of the said the grounds were used by so being many thousands of children last summer that the department used up its appropriation for assistants in an effort to place a sufficient number of persons on the grounds to direct the activities of the boys and girls.

One Director Sufficient. Mrs. Rhodes is satisfied that one director will be able to handle each of the smaller grounds without trouble. seven of the larger grounds, on which the athletic events of sur-rounding schools are staged, one director will find it difficult. in the opinion of the supervisor.

These seven large grounds are the
Bloomingdale, 1st and Bryant streets; Columbia Heights, Park road near 14th street; Garfield Park, 2d and F streets southeast; Georgetown, 33d and Volta place; New York avenue, 1st street and New York avenue; Rosedale, 17th and Kramer streets northeast; Virginia avenue, 10th street and Virginia avenue south-

## Will Open Monday.

The other grounds that will open Monday are: City, 7th and O streets; Gallinger, F street between 21st and 22d streets; Hoover, 2d and N streets southwest; Happy Hollow, 18th street and Kalorama road; Mackin, V street between 14th and 15th streets; Mades, 8th and L streets northeast; Mitchel Park, 23d and S streets; Park View HEREAFTER AT 10 A.M.

Daily sessions of Police Court will convene at 10 o'clock, beginning Monday morning, instead of 9:30 o'clock as heretofore. It is said the reason for the change includes a decrease in the court's business, probably due to prohibition, and the inability of court officials to have witnesses on hand early in the morning.

Park, 23d and S streets; Park View, Warder street and Otis place; Shotts alley, 1st and 2d, B and C streets northeast; Terminal, 2d and G streets northeast; Wilcox, Columbia road near 18th street: Cardoza, 1st and I streets southwest; Logan, 3d and G streets northeast; Howard, 5th and W streets; Rose Park, 27th street between N and O streets, and Willow Tree, 3d, 4½, B and C streets southwest.

# ON FRENCH RAIL LINES ORDERED Breakdown in Labor or Com-

## plete Paralysis of National System Expected Today.

PARIS, February 28 (by the Asso-PARIS, February 28 (by the Associated Press).—Orders for a general railroad strike have been issued by the National Federation of Railroadmen. Reports were current last night that this action had been taken, but confirmation could not be obtained until late this afternoon.

Strike conditions throughout France were considered near a crisis this manufactured in the treaty would be disposed of before the campaign begins. This is one idea that the administration senators are nursing.

On the other hand, should the treaty be carried into the campaign and a break occur in the republican ranks, then the democrats might hope for were considered near a crisis this modified reservations as would be acceptable to the administration. In the premiers' note as transmitted in the premiers' no

that mobilization orders sent to men of the Paris, Lyon and Mediterranean and state roads woud bring a sufficient force to carry on normal traffic.

Strong military forces are guarding tracks inside the city limits of Paris, and a law authorizing the requisitioning of automobiles, motor trucks and airplanes in case of interruption of railroad traffic was passed last of railroad traffic was passed last night by the chamber of deputies.

Strike Spreads Hourly. "Owing to the attack by the Paris, Lyon and Mediterranean Railroad Company on the exercise of union rights," the strike order begins, "the railroaders of that system and of the Paris region, influenced by solidarity and dignity, have begun a movement or protest which is spreading hourly."
"The executive committee of the federation." the order continues, "aft-er exhausting all means of conciliation and meeting with an obstinate and uncompromising spirit on the part of the management of the Paris, Lyon and Mediterranean railroad, the minister of public works and th ing arbitration of incidents, has de cided to call for the cessation of work on all systems." The order advises that greatest calm be preserved; that all provoca-tion be avoided; that all measures be taken to assure safety, and that no

damage be done. A cabinet meeting has been called for tonight. The order for a general strike seems to have been the outcome of nocturnal deliberations of the committee in which the executive committee of the general labor federation had a hand as well as delegations from the different Paris

Firm in Resisting Men. It is understood that the National Federation of Railway Men, which had coneration of Kaliway Men, which had confined itself to negotiations with Premier Millerand, decided his arbitration suggestion was impracticable and last night again approached the Paris, Lyon and Mediterranean Company in the person of of troops have been ordered to Paris to guard the tracks. The situation is fast coming to a head, and it is the general belief that today ought to see either the collapse of the movement or its development into a national catastrophe.

body in system.

Dr. V:
Thursto

### WILL MEET HERE NEXT YEAR Educators Pick Washington for 1921 Convention.

department of superintendence, the selection of Washington as next year's convention city and the adoption of resolutions favoring the passage by Congress of the Smith-Towner bill, providing for a secretary of education in the President's cabinet and an

# ADRIATIC COURSE DEBATED IN SENATE

## Attack of Mr. Kellogg Is Joined In by Foes

of Treaty.

The President's course in th Adriatic matter was criticised today in the Senate during the first debate on the subject. Senator Kellogg, Minne sota, one of the mild reservation re publicans, who has been working for ratification of the treaty, took the lead in the attack, and he was joined b the treaty's irreconcilable foes. Senator Kellogg said the President without justification had "undertak-en to dictate absolutely" an Adriation

settlement. He added that the development was "discouraging" to friends of the peace treaty. The senator said he did not know "why Italy should not defend herself." Another new element was brought into the treaty debate by Senator Kellogg when he "congratulated" Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, the administration leader, and Senator Barah, republican, Idaho, a leader of the irreconcilence.

Barah, republican, Idaho, a leader of the irreconcilables, on "their new alliance" to defeat the treaty.

The two senators a short time before had been in consultation on the Senate floor, and Senator Kellogg, referring to reports that they were working together to prevent ratification with the republican reservations, declared he had believed for a long time that it is the purpose of the senator from Nebraska to defeat the treaty—with republican votes if he can, but if not, with democratic votes.

Mr. Hitchcock's Reply. Senator Hitchcock, in reply, charged that Senator Kellogg had "joined in the conspiracy to stuff the foreign relations committee with senators pledged to defeat the treaty."

Administration senators have recently inquired of irreconcilable republicant how for they will sens how they will sens how for they will sens how they will sens how they will be sensitive to the sensitive they will be sensitive they will be sensitive to the sensitive they will be sensitive they will be sensitive they will be sensitive to the sensitive they will be sensitive they will be sensitive to the sensitive they will be sensitive to the sensitive they will be sensitive the sensitive they will be sensitive th

publicans how far they will go in making the treaty and the league of nations an issue in the coming cam paign. If they could be assured that a sizable group of republicans would break away from the party on this issue if the Chicago convention de-clared for the treaty with the Lodge reservations, the administration sen-ators would be greatly encouraged over the situation. They have not been able, however, to obtain any positive assertion that there will be

A threatened break in the repub-A inreatened break in the republican ranks over the treaty might force ratification, the administration senators believe. The republican leaders, anxious to avoid a split, might finally determine to seek ratification of the treaty with certain modified reservations as would be acceptable to the administration. In this way the treaty would be disposed

Strike conditions throughout France were considered near a crisis this morning and belief was expressed that a breakdown of the strike movement or paralysis of the nation's railroad system would ensue during the day.

peraties improves.

Operating conditions on the Paris. Lyon and Mediterranean line and other roads affected by the walkout of employes seemed to be slightly improved last night.

Traffic was shown to have increased railroad affected X reservation were modified.

Traffic was shown to have increased railroad x statement to a retail X reservation to artists X willing to go. Under the premiers' proposal however, to desire acceptant the proposal however, admittedly the greatest stumbling block in the path of ratification. Republicants went so far as to say that only a few by the United States, Great Britain and France to arrive at a settlement, should the proposed negotiations becomes the result of informal conferences concerning acceptants X admittedly the greatest stumbling block in the path of ratification. Republicants went so far as to say that only a few by the United States, Great Britain and France to arrive at a settlement, should the proposed negotiations becomes the result of informal conferences concerning acceptants ac Traffic was shown to have increased during the twenty-four hours closing at midnight and it was believed contested by democratic leaders, who claimed ratification would fall unless the article X reservation were modified. While the informal conferences have been in progress, dehate on the floor has been in progress, debate on the floor has continued without disposal of the domestic questions reservation, which still was the unfinished business when the

# D. C. SCHOOL HEAD MAY BE LOCAL MAN

Senate convened today.

## Dr. Van Schaick Declares Any Capable Washingtonian Will Be Considered.

It is not the purpose of the board of education to shut its eyes to the possibilities of filling the position of public school superintendent from among the number of able men living among the number of able men living tions.
in Washington, Dr. John Van Schaick, The premiers observe as a fact of in Washington, Dr. John Van Schaick, jr., president of the board, said today.

On the contrary, the board will consider claims for the position which may be put forward during the next agreeable to Italy and Jugoslavia refew months for and by educational garding their common frontier in the administrators familiar with all Fiume region, provided such agree-phases of the local situation. The ment is not made on the basis of compurpose of the board as expressed in programment is not made on the basis of computation elsewhere at the expense phases of the local situation. The ment is not made on the basis of compurpose of the board, as expressed, is to obtain the services of the best man of nationals of a third power."

Ideal Way of Settlement. perintendency at the salary offered.
Dr. Van Schaick repeated today the declaration he made yesterday that he did not attend the educators' conven-tions in Chicago and Cleveland and visit several other cities for the pur pose of finding a successor to Ernest L. Thurston, who was formally noti-fied a week ago last Wednesday that he would not be re-elected superin-tendent when his term of office ex-pires June 30 next. Mediterranean Company in the person of General Manager Margo, who repeated his refusal to reinstate Campanaud, whose discharge by the railroad company for absence of duty to attend a union meeting caused the walkout of the railway men.

Competent quarters consider it unlikely that a general strike would have much effect in the provinces.

The government is determined that the community shall not suffer through the strike. Additional measures have been taken and strong reinforcements of troops have been ordered to Paris to guard the tracks. The situation is fast coming to a head, and it is a strike that the tracks are strike to guard the tracks. The situation is fast coming to a head, and it is the tracks are the trac Dr. Van Schaick declined to discuss

the board's plans regarding Mr. Thurston's relations with it between now and the close of his term. Nor would he or other members say anythat has arisen from many quarters in the city in answer to the notifica-tion sent the present superintendent. 1921 Convention.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, February 28.—
With the election of officers of the with the election of officers of the department of superintendents of the National Educational Associa of the National Educational Associa-tion for the last week. He has prom-ised to make a statement in detail at the meeting of the board next Wed-nesday, in reply to that body's charges that he "is not a strong ad-ministrator, is reluctant to assume re-manification." and cannot work har-

# PRESIDENT TO SEND REPLY TO PREMIERS EARLY NEXT WEEK

## Withdrawal of December Agreement Will Have Little Effect on Negotiations.

## JUGOSLAVIA MUST NOT BE COERCED IN SETTLEMENT

### Allied Statesmen Say Treaty of London Must Be Applied Unless There Is Voluntary Adjustment.

The British and French premiers' eply to President Wilson on the Adriatic question was read today by the President, and he is expected to send his reply early next week. Officials were not disposed to dis

cuss the latest note from London. but it was said that the withdrawal of the agreement of December 9 pending an attempt by Italy and Jugoslavia to reach a satisfactory agreement among themselves, as proposed by the premiers, could have little effect on the ultimate outcome of the negotiations.

The principle enunciated in that

The principle enunciated in that agreement will remain the same, it was explained, and the American government will continue to adhere to its original position that a settle-ment to which Jugoslavia objected was not to be forced on that country

Adheres to Old Stand. Publication of the previous exchanges disclosed that President Wilson ad-hered in his latest communication to the original position that unless the Adriatic settlement was made on the basis of the December agreement, to which the Unit-December agreement, to which the United States was a party, instead of the London pact, which this country has declined to acquiesce in, he would be placed in a position where he "must take under serious consideration" the question of withdrawing the treaty of Versailles and the French alliance from the Senate

what appeared to be at least a semi-official summary of the premiers' note was received in press dispatches from London only a short time after the offi-cial text had reached the State De-partment and before it had been laid before the President.

Still Cling to Treaty.

Albanton Stand Pleases.

The premiers' agreement with President Wilson's views with regard to the future of the Albanian people was received with satisfaction in Albanian quarters here. Constantine A. Checkrezi, the official Albanian representative, previously had issued a statement declaring that the entire albanian profoundly Albanian nation was "profoundly moved" by the President's stand against the proposed partition of Al-

"The President's act," he sa'd. "is the first authoritative act in defense of this helpless state taken by a disinterested power during more than one year, in which her fate has been hanging in the balance." Answer of Premiers.

LONDON, February 27.—The reply made by Premiers Lloyd George and Millerand to President Wilson's latest communication on the Adriatic question repeats the assurance that they "never had the intention of making a definite settlement without obtaining the views of the United States govern-

The reply, which is dated February

Ideal Way of Settlement. This, the premiers agree, would be an ideal way of settling the question

and they express willingness to do their utmost to reach a settlement by this road. In order to facilitate this process they are ready to withdraw their proposals of December 9 and The premiers, therefore, cordially invite the President to join them in a formal proposal to the Italian and

Jugoslav governments to negotiate an Jugoslav governments to negotiate an agreement on the basis of withdrawal of all previous proposals.

If, however, this attempt should prove unsuccessful, the French and British premiers agree that the United States, Great Britain and France should once more consider the ques-tion in common, with the view of ar-

riving at concrete proposals. The premiers declare they cannot disguise that should no voluntary settlement of the Adriatic problem be attained the treaty of London would become the only valid alternative as far as they are concerned.

Italy has co-operated loyally, they say, in trying to find a substitute for the pact, and the allies hope they will succeed in finding such a substitute.

Views of British Press. LONDON, February 28.—Correspondence between the allied premiers and President Wilson relative to Adriatic settlement is given much prominence in this morning's London newspapers but several refrain from comment-ing on the situation.

So ends the attempt of Premiers erce the Jugoslavs," says the Times, which throughout has supported President Wilson. "Neither of them has the meeting of the board next Wednesday, in reply to that body's charges that he "is not a strong administrator, is reluctant to assume responsibility" and cannot work harmoniously with the board.

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pictures taken within the past few days of big events.

For instance, there is a half-page photograph of the

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and Dimples"; Washington's pretty youngsters; the

W. E. Hill page of drawings, "Among Us Mortals,"

and a wonderful picture of the Capitol in a snowstorm

last Monday; and dozens of others.

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Among the features are: "A Page of Sunshine